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Updates to the Water Quality Management Plan Volume 4: Basin and Subsegment Boundaries (0810Pot1)

Under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2071 et seq., the secretary gives notice that procedures have been initiated to amend Volume 4 of the Louisiana Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP).

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) reports on water quality in the state by basin subsegment. Volume 4 is a component of the Water Quality Management Plan required by Sections 303 and 208 of the Clean Water Act. Federal regulations require LDEQ to periodically review and update the Water Quality Management Plan. The purpose of Volume 4 is to describe the subsegment delineations, hydrology, and geography. Table 3 in LAC 33:IX.1123 of the Water Quality regulations also includes the subsegment descriptions. Subsegment delineations and descriptions are reviewed periodically to ensure that subsegments are distinct and consistent representations of the state's hydrology.

Since Volume 4 of the WQMP was last published in 1987, subsegment delineations and descriptions have changed tremendously. These changes have been incorporated into Table 3 in LAC 33:IX.1123. The purpose of this revision to Volume 4 is to update the subsegment descriptions and delineations to be consistent with LAC 33:IX.Chapter 11.

You may access the Water Quality Assessment Division's web page (http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/69/Default.aspx) to read the complete draft revision of Volume 4. Written comments regarding the proposed revision must be received no later than December 2, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to Kimberly Corts, Office of the Environmental Assessment, Water Quality Assessment Division, Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4314 or to FAX (225) 219-3582 or by e-mail to kimberly.corts@la.gov.

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